

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

BRUCE E. SMITH,

Petitioner,

v.

RON HAYNES,

Respondent.

CASE NO. C16-5421 BHS-KLS

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

This is a federal habeas action filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has submitted an application seeking leave to proceed with this action *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner's application demonstrates that he is unable to afford the \$5.00 filing fee. Petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 1) is therefore **GRANTED**. The Clerk is directed to file Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus without the prepayment of fees. The Clerk is further directed to send a copy of this Order to Petitioner.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2016.



Karen L. Strombom  
United States Magistrate Judge